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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN ARRANGEMENTS WITH JEWISH AGENCY ON SOVIET
EMIGRES

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1. SUBJECT OF JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL FUTURE
ARRANGEMENTS WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES BROUGHT UP
NOVEMBER 23 DURING MINISTER OF INTERIOR ROESCH'S MEETING
WITH CODEL ROSENTHAL. NOTING THAT PROCEDURES BEING ARRANGED
BETWEEN LOWER AUSTRIAN RED CROSS AND JEWISH AGENCY, ROESCH
IMPLIED THAT VARIOUS DETAILS STILL BEING WORKED OUT
AND THAT NO FORMAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH
JAI BY GOA.

2. CAMP SCHOENAU WILL BE CLOSED WITHING NEXT TWO
WEEKS. WOELLERSDORF AID STATION WILL BE FULLY
OPERATIONAL AND WILL HAVE 1,000 BEDS FOR OVER-
NIGHT STAYS. THIS LARGE NUMBER OF BEDS IS
REQUIRED BECAUSE THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF SOVIET JEWS
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ARRIVING DAILY ON THREE TRAINS AND

FREQUENTLY ON AROFLOT CANNOT BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE, AND WEATHER CONDITIONS DO NOT ALWAYS ALLOW DAILY DEPARTURES; ALSO NO EL AL FLIGHTS DEPART FRIDAY EVENING (SABBATH). JAI WILL PROVIDE BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM RAILROAD STATION OR AIRPORT TO WOELLERSDORF AND ALSO TO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURES TO ISRAEL. LOWER AUSTRIAN RED CROSS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EMIGRANT'S NEEDS AT WOELLERSDORF, I.E. MEDICAL CARE, HOUSING, FEEDING, REPACKING PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND AT LEAST INITIAL PROCESSING OF EMIGRANTS. AUSTRIANS WILL HAVE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY.

3. ROESCH CONFIRMED THAT NEW TRANSIT FACILITY NEAR SCHWECHAT AIRPORT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND UPON COMPLETION IN 6-8 MONTHS WILL REPLACE WOELLERSDORF.

4. MININTERIOR CONFIRMED THAT RECORD NUMBER OF 4,000 SOVIET JEWS TRANSITED AUSTRIA IN OCTOBER. HUMES

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